

PRESIDENT TAFT ANSWERS COL. ROOSEVELT

TEDDY'S NEW THEORIES AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS

Trouble is Not with the
Judges But with Court
Procedure.

BUSY CHICAGO DAY

Chief Executive on the Jump
from the Time of His
Arrival.

CHICAGO, Mar. 9.—President Taft's program in Chicago today called for unusual activity. On his arrival he was driven to a hotel where he breakfasted and later held a public reception. After this he was to go to the Union Club for luncheon and a short speech and later in the afternoon he had arranged to address Jewish residents in a westside theater, later going to the Chicago Press Club for a short address. His most important appointment is for this evening, when he will address the Swedish-American Republican League, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of the Monitor and the Merrimac. He will return in Chicago until tomorrow night.

In his speech last night at Toledo Mr. Taft answered Colonel Roosevelt's Columbus speech. He spoke as follows:

In the last year or two we have heard much of radical methods of changing the judiciary system. If we would properly consider these proposals and stand on solid and safe ground we must re-examine the fundamental principles of stable popular government. The history of the world seems to show that our form of government is more enduring and satisfactory than any other. We began as a small Union of thirteen states strung along the Atlantic coast of 3,000,000 of people, and under the same constitution we have enlarged to be a world power of forty-eight sovereign states bound into one of more than 90,000,000 of people and with a humane guardianship of 10,000,000 more—nine in the Pacific and one in the Atlantic. We have fought, beginning with the Revolution, four foreign wars, and we have survived a civil war of the greatest proportions recorded in history and have united the battling sections by an indissoluble tie. From our body politic we have excised the cancer of slavery, the only thing protected by the constitution which was inconsistent with that liberty, the preservation of which was the main purpose of establishing the Union. We have increased our business and productive activities in every direction, we have expanded the development of our natural resources to be continent wide, and all the time we have maintained sacred those inalienable rights of man, the right of liberty, the right of private property and the right to the pursuit of happiness.

Voters Themselves Representatives. For these reasons we believe in popular government. Government is a human instrumentality to secure the greatest good to the greatest number and the greatest happiness to the individual. Experience, and especially the growth of popular government in our own history, has shown that in the long run every class of the people, and by that I mean those similarly situated, are better able to secure attention to their welfare than any other class, however altruistic the latter class may be. Of course this assumes that the members of the class have reasonable intelligence and capacity for knowing their own rights and interest; hence it follows that the best government, in the sense of the government most certain to provide for

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CRUGER SMITH

Burial Takes Place at the
Odd Fellows' Cemetery
Here.

The funeral of Cruger W. Smith, of Charles Town, who died there Friday morning was held here Saturday morning upon the arrival of No. 3 at the local station. The funeral party was formed and went direct to the Odd Fellows cemetery where the burial was held.

The Rev. C. B. Mitchell of the Episcopal church, assisted by the Rev. Percy McDonald, rector of the Episcopal church at Morgantown, read the funeral service at the grave.

NEW STORE OPENS IN POPULAR WAY

HE'S FAVORITE WITH
INDIANA DEMOCRATS



SAMUEL M. RALSTON

Samuel M. Ralston, of East Lebanon, Indiana, is declared by Democratic politicians to have the inside track in the contest for the gubernatorial nomination. He is expected to head the Democrats' state ticket against Governor Deneen. Republican candidates for renomination and re-election who appear to have an excellent chance of winning in the convention.

POSTOFFICE

Matters in West Virginia as
Just Passed on at
Washington.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—The post-office department has announced the establishment of mail service from Rupert by way of Crawley, Meadow Bluff, Smoot, Blue Sulphur Springs and Advance to Alderson and return six times a week. The contract for carrying this mail from March 11, 1912, to June 30, 1913, has been awarded to Clarence L. Hundley, of Rupert, for \$768.

The postoffice department has also announced the establishment of mail service from Winona by way of Boon to Nuttallburg and back twelve times a week. The contract, from March 11, 1912, to June 30, 1913, has been awarded to V. D. Wood, of Winona, for \$469.50.

FAYORS BILL.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—The Senate committee on public buildings and grounds has made a favorable report on a bill authorizing the construction of a public building at Mannington at a cost of \$75,000, of which \$15,000 may be expended for a site.

BURGLAR IS SHOT BY A POLICEMAN

SENATOR GORE

Of Oklahoma Will Give Lec-
ture in Fairmont Sat-
urday Night.

United States Senator Thomas P. Gore, of Oklahoma, passed through the city Saturday morning enroute to Fairmont, where he will deliver a lecture before the Y. M. C. A. convention, which is in session there. The senator arrived in the city on No. 3 from Washington and was met at the station by Earl Smith, of Fairmont, and J. G. Shaw, of this city, who escorted him to the interurban station where a special street car awaited the party and they left for Fairmont at 10 o'clock.

Senator Gore will give his famous lecture on "Social Duty" in the auditorium of the Methodist Episcopal church there this evening at 8 o'clock.

Throngs of Visitors Pleased
with Great Emporium for
Men and Boys.

Throngs of visitors marked the opening of the Millirens new store for men and boys, in the new Nannie R. Lowe building on West Main street, just east of Third street, Friday night beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Men and women, boys and girls alike were the very welcome guests of the store management, and all who attended the store opening expressed great pleasure derived from the royal reception given them and over the rare beauties of the fine new store.

The floor space of the store room is spacious and most modern arranged, the mezzanine floors adding to the appearance and affording great additional room for storing and displaying goods. The space arrangement elicits admiration and emphasizes the foresight of the store owners in preparing for capacity, convenience and facility in handling an immense stock of goods with dispatch and perfect system.

A feature of the store equipment consists of separate apartments for every one of the varied articles of apparel for men and boys in the mammoth stock, and the fixtures throughout the emporium are exhibitions of the splendid taste employed in equipping the store room for up-to-date use.

On the occasion of the auspicious opening of this new enterprise so promising, the profuse decorations were ideal in every particular and conformed strictly to the finest taste, making a scene most pleasing even to the degree of inspiring and none saw except to admire. Coverlets emblematic of several leading fraternal orders such as the Masonic, the Elks, the Eagles, the Columbians and a number of others, were used on the tables and counters with very beautiful effect and the floral features of the decoration consisted of ferns, blooming plants and cut flowers used in great profusion and arranged in an artistic manner, affording extraordinary loveliness in the interior scenery. The full capacity of the Hayman Greenhouse Company was taxed in furnishing the flowers and plants for the affair. As souvenirs of the opening, the many visitors carried away carnations and the like, graciously presented by those in charge of and assisting at the opening. Truly, it was after the order of a flower store as when the ladies arrived they were given fresh cut flowers and as they passed out it

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Is Identified as Joe Diamond,
a New York Sneak
Thief.

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 9.—The body of a burglar who had been shot and killed by a policeman early in the day was later identified as Joe Diamond who the police say was a New York sneak thief. Diamond and two companions were discovered robbing a tailor establishment and he was shot while trying to escape.

REPLY

May Be Made by Colonel
Roosevelt to President
Taft's Toledo Speech.

OYSTER BAY, Mar. 9.—President Taft's speech at Toledo yesterday probably draw a reply from Colonel Roosevelt. After reading the speech, today, he stated that anything he might say would be said after he had time to consider the matter.

NORWEGIAN EXPLORER BRINGS WORD OF
SOUTH POLE DISCOVERY BY BRITISHER



Captain Robert Scott.

Ronald Amundsen, Norwegian explorer in search of the south pole, has brought word out of the antarctic regions that Captain Robert F. Scott, heading the British expedition, has been successful in the quest, beating both the Norwegian and Japanese expeditions which started before him in an effort to locate the pole.

SOCIALIST MINERS WILL GO OUT SOON

To the Number of 200,000
unless Their Wage De-
mand is Granted.

BERLIN, Mar. 9.—Leaders of the Socialist miners announced today that unless their demands for a fifteen per cent increase in wages is met, 200,000 men will strike in the west Phallan district next week. Miners in the Honover district today demanded a minimum wage of \$25 a month. They threaten to strike unless the demand is granted by March 15.

THEFT OF WATCH

And Chain is Charged against
Man Who is Jailed by
Policeman.

Accused of stealing a gold watch and chain from an apartment over the Crescent saloon in Glen Elk, Charles Rakin, a well dressed man, was arrested Friday night in West Pike street by Policeman McCloud and was jailed pending an investigation of the case.

The police department hunted for Rakin as a result of finding the lost watch and chain in a local jewelry store, where it had been taken by a bartender of a saloon for the purpose of having a monogram on it altered. The bartender declared Rakin had pawned and forfeited the watch to him. Rakin, however, declares he bought the watch and chain for \$5 from a stranger.

TWO CONVENTIONS

For Delegates Purpose Are
Held by Republicans of
Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mar. 9.—Two Republican conventions opened here today to select delegates from the Fifth congressional district to the Chicago convention. One was prepared to ratify the preferential primary result and instruct delegates for Roosevelt, and the other was to select Taft delegates on the ground that the primary was illegal.

Joseph McCoy and C. F. Mead were chosen delegates by the Taft men.

CHURCH BURNS.

DETROIT, Mar. 9.—Fire today destroyed the St. John Catholic church here with a loss of \$60,000.

RIVERS IN STATE WILL BE DAMMED

FAIR DATES

Are Revised at Meeting of
Lake Erie Race Circuit
Stewards.

Mayor Frank R. Moore has returned from Pittsburg, where, as a representative of the West Virginia Fair Association, of Clarksburg, he attended a special meeting of the stewards of the Lake Erie racing circuit, at which fair dates for the coming season were slightly revised.

A shifting of dates meant a disadvantage to the people of Titusville who had contemplated a fair the third week in August. The representative of that town then resigned from the circuit after a membership of twelve years. Youngstown and Alliance applied for the dates, August 20 to 23, but it is thought Canton will be awarded them, thus making three meetings for that town. The new schedule follows:

June 23—28 at Coshocton, O.
July 1—5—Canton, O.
July 8—12—Rockport, O.
July 11—15—Bradford, Pa.
July 23—26—Erie, Pa.
July 30—Aug 2—Corry, Pa.
August 6—10—Rockport, O.
August 13—16—Akron, O.
August 27—30—Open.
September 2—6—Canton—Wheeling.
September 10—13—Fairmont, W. Va.
September 17—20—Clarksburg, W. Va.
September 24—27—Parkersburg, W. Va.

MOTHER

Of J. H. Sommerville Dead at
Her Home at Good Hope
at Advanced Age.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sommerville, aged 80 years, of Good Hope, died at the old Sommerville home place Saturday morning at 3 o'clock following a short illness of pneumonia and a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Sommerville was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gaston, both now deceased, and the widow of Jacob Sommerville who has been dead thirty years. Mrs. Sommerville moved to Good Hope with her parents sixty-two years ago. In her early life she took an active part in church work, but for the last five years she was unable to do any active work.

The deceased woman is survived by five children—three daughters and two sons. The daughters are

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If the Bill before the House
Committee Becomes
a Law.

EXPENSE OF SURVEYS

Will Be the First Work on
Five Rivers in West
Virginia.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—The preliminary work looking to the locking and damming of five West Virginia rivers is authorized in the river and harbor bill which was reported to Congress yesterday by the rivers and harbors committee of the House. The streams for which provision are made are the Tag fork of the Big Sandy, the New river, Coal river, Elk river and the Little Kanawha river.

No appropriation is carried in the bill for the beginning of work on the improvement, but the preliminary surveys are authorized in the bill and provision is made for the expenses of making the surveys. The surveys authorized in the bill as the first step toward the beginning of work on these rivers are as follows:

The Tug and Levisa forks of the Big Sandy river in West Virginia and Kentucky, the two forks of the stream being coupled in the bill; the New river from Radford, Va., to Hinton, W. Va.; Coal river from its mouth at St. Albans to Boone; Elk river from its mouth at Charleston to Clay; and the Little Kanawha river from Creston to the head of practicable navigation, which would have to be determined by the engineers, but which is expected to extend at least as far as the mouth of Steer creek, to which point a new railroad is being built.

BURIAL

Of George Gordon Will Be at
Old Home at Newburg,
Preston County.

George Gordon, aged 20 years, died Friday night at 7 o'clock at the home of his mother at Union Heights after a long illness of tuberculosis.

Mr. Gordon moved to this city from Newburg, Preston county, about eight months ago and in that time he made a large number of friends who are shocked to hear of his death.

The deceased man is survived by his mother, four brothers and three sisters. The brothers are Edward, W. P. John, and Lenham. One sister resides at home and the other two live at Newburg.

The body will be taken to Newburg on the accommodation Sunday morning and the funeral will be held in the Blackwood church Sunday afternoon, the burial following in the Blackwood cemetery.

SPECIAL

Meetings Are to Begin in the
Methodist Church at
Adamston.

The Rev. C. B. Armsparger, of Clarksburg, will fill the pulpit of the Adamston Methodist Episcopal church Sunday night at 7:30 in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Hammond, who will be in attendance upon the dedicatory services of the new Methodist Episcopal church at Shinnston, which was partly built under the ministry of Mr. Hammond.

Monday night the Rev. Mr. Hammond will begin special services in the Adamston Methodist Episcopal church. All are invited to attend these meetings.

BOUGHT BY MRS. THORN.

At court sale Saturday afternoon Mrs. J. W. Thorn purchased the Taylor property at Point Comfort for \$10,250. The property consists of four lots having a frontage of forty feet each and being 300 feet deep.

Sergeant J. N. Frisby of the local recruiting station went to Vads today to visit W. B. Frisby, a brother, two or three days.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, Mar. 9.—May wheat closed 1.05; corn 72½; oats 53½.